United Nations E/AC.51/2016/L.4/Add.4

Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
21 June 2016

Original: English

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-sixth session
31 May-24 June 2016
Agenda item 7
Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-sixth session

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Aleg **Yermalovich** (Belarus)

Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019
(*Item 3 (b) (ii)*)

Programme 27
Jointly financed activities

1. At its 18th and 20th meetings, on 10 and 13 June 2016, the Committee considered programme 27, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 (A/71/6 (Prog. 27) and Corr.1). The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework, contained in conference room paper E/AC.51/2016/CRP.1/Rev.1.

2. The representatives of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the overall orientation of the programme and its constituent components. The importance of the programme's role in coordinating the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in accordance with their respective mandates was emphasized.

4. Regarding component A, International Civil Service Commission, delegations expressed support for the role of the Commission in the strengthening of the United Nations system, especially in the area of human resources. Delegations noted the

Please recycle

importance of organizational reform and the completion of the first phase of the comprehensive review of the United Nations common system compensation package for the Professional and higher categories of staff.

5. Clarification was sought on the modification of the indicator of achievement for expected accomplishment (b) from "high percentage" to "percentage". The view was expressed that, without indicating a trend or the level of the percentage, whether high or low, the significance of the indicator might be undermined.

6. Regarding component C, United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the importance of the coordinating role of the Board was emphasized. In particular, the contribution of the Board to ensuring that the entire United Nations system worked coherently, especially in the area of inter-agency cooperation and coordination in the light of the existing transformative agenda, was highlighted.

7. A delegation called for the indicators of achievement for expected accomplishment (d), in relation to sustaining compliance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), to be reformulated. Clarification was sought regarding the difference between and the effectiveness of the two indicators, taking into account that IPSAS had been implemented for some time. Clarification was also sought on the nature of the information intended to be provided on IPSAS.

Conclusions and recommendations

8. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly should approve the programme narrative of programme 27, Jointly financed activities, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019, subject to the following modification:**

Legislative mandates

C. United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

General Assembly resolutions

Add:

69/313 Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)